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The substitute Appeal Brief (with correct claim appendix) filed on 11/07/72 have been received.

The reply brief filed on 5/31/02 have been received and considered (see paper #33).

The petition filed on 11/14/02 have been considered and granted. A copy of the decision by the Office of Petitions was mailed to the appellant on 3/18/03 (see paper #38).

The rejection continues to be as set forth in the Examiner answer (paper #28).

Accordingly, this case will be forwarded to the Board of Appeal

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